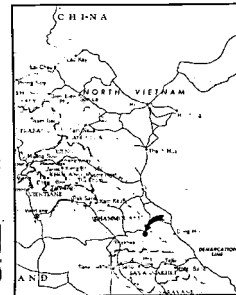
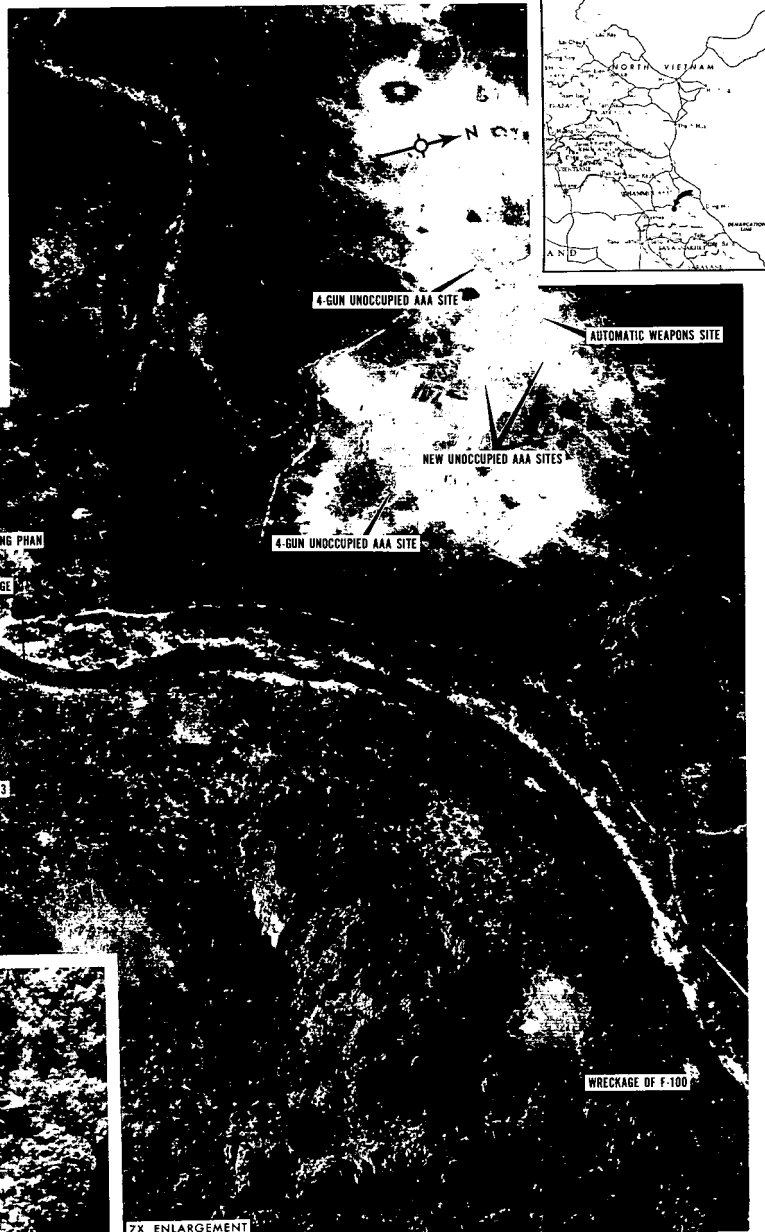


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(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD J-5644 FOR COMPARISON)

1. COLLATERAL REPORTS ON 18 NOVEMBER A USAF F-100 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY GROUND FIRE APPROXIMATELY 13 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF MU GIA PASS AT APPROXIMATELY 1145 HOURS (LAOS TIME). THE DOWNED JET FIGHTER WAS FLYING ESCORT FOR AN RF-101 ON A PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. OTHER ESCORT PILOTS REPORTED THE F-100 APPEARED TO BE HIT IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT AND WAS ON FIRE WHEN IT STRUCK THE GROUND. ONE PILOT OBSERVED THAT THE GROUND FIRE INCLUDED EXPLODING AND TRACER ROUNDS.

2. IT WAS REPORTED THAT SIX US NAVY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITION AND THE NEARBY VILLAGE OF BAN SENG PHAN ON 20 NOVEMBER WHILE SEARCHING FOR THE DOWNED USAF PILOT.

3. [REDACTED] REPORTED TWO NEWLY-IDENTIFIED 4-GUN 37MM AAA SITES AND A SUPPORT AREA LOCATED 0.4 NM NORTH OF BAN SENG PHAN. SMOKE AND FLAMES WERE OBSERVED RISING FROM THE AIRCRAFT IMPACT POINT APPROXIMATELY 1000 YARDS SOUTHEAST OF THE TWO AAA SITES.

4. [REDACTED] REVEALS SIX UNOCCUPIED LIGHT AAA SITES (FOUR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED) AND A NEW AW POSITION JUST WEST OF ROUTE 23 (FORMERLY ROUTE 12A), 0.4 NM

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NORTH OF BAN SENG PHAN. A SUPPORT AREA IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY NORTHEAST OF THE SITES. A NEW WOODED BRIDGE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON ROUTE 23 ACROSS THE RIVER AT BAN SENG PHAN. THE AIRCRAFT IMPACT POINT IS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 1000 YARDS SOUTHEAST OF THE AAA SITES. NO EVIDENCE OF DAMAGE IS OBSERVED AT BAN SENG PHAN OR AT THE AAA SITES.

5. AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY COLD TALE AND LUCKY DRAGON PHOTOGRAPHY.

6. THIS GRAPHIC IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW A-5C CAMERA SYSTEM INITIATED ON [REDACTED]

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